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Delhi govt receives 2,000 complaints in two days against parked old vehicles

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The Delhi government has received nearly 2,000 complaints from the city's resident welfare and market associations about old vehicles parked in their premises within two days of issuing a Whatsapp number for the purpose.



The Delhi transport department had issued the number 8376050050 for RWAs and market associations to share details about parked old vehicles.

"Within two days of issuing the number, we received 2,000 complaints from across Delhi. However, the complaints need to be verified. People are sending pictures of vehicles that they feel look old. We have to verify the details of the vehicles' registration in our database to ascertain whether they are actually overage and unfit for plying on Delhi's roads," a senior official said.

There are around 25 lakh such vehicles in the national capital, he added.

"If we find the vehicles unfit to be parked in public places, our teams will be dispatched, and they will impound the vehicles and immediately hand them to the authorised scrapper for scrapping," the official said.

In 2018, the Supreme Court had ordered that plying of diesel and petrol vehicles older than 10 years and 15 years respectively is banned in Delhi. It had added that the vehicles violating the order would be impound-

ed. A National Green Tribunal order of 2014 does not allow vehicles older than 15 years to be parked in public places.

Around two lakh diesel vehicles more than 10 years old were deregistered earlier this year.

Last week, the department had cautioned people against driving old vehicles in the national capital, saying such vehicles would be immediately impounded.

"Now, it has come to notice that inspite of these orders, such vehicles are still found plying and parked on the roads of Delhi. The enforcement wing of the transport department has been undertaking a robust enforcement drive for impounding such vehicles if found plying or parked on Delhi roads," the department had said. It had further advised people to neither drive nor keep or park such vehicles in public places.

33 killed as bus carrying marriage party falls into gorge in Uttarakhand

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PAURI (UKHAND): Thirty-three members of a wedding party were killed and 19 injured when a bus carrying them fell into a gorge in Uttarakhand's Pauri Garhwal district, police said on Wednesday.

The tragedy struck at around 7 pm on Tuesday as the bus, which was on its way to Kanda village in Bironkhal from Laldhang town in Haridwar, plunged into the 500-metre deep gorge near Simri bend.

Local villagers were the first

to reach the spot and used mobile phone flashlights to look for the victims in the night before assistance arrived.

There were over 50 people in the bus. Rescue operations were carried out throughout the intervening night and on Wednesday, the police said.

Thirty-one bodies were retrieved while two injured succumbed on way to the hospital taking the death toll to 33, State Disaster Relief Force (SDRF) incharge Vikas Ramola said this evening adding the rescue operation

has come to an end.

"Climbing down the steep gorge in the darkness, with just mobile phone flashlight, was really challenging," said a villager Rajkishore who lent a helping hand to the SDRF personnel in extricating the victims from the mangled remains of the bus.

Twenty people injured in the accident were pulled out and rushed to hospitals in Bironkhal, Rikhnikhil and Kotdwar, police said.

Two of them died on the way to the hospital, they said.

Another man who was

injured in the mishap had tried to walk to safety on his own and the rescue teams could not spot him but he later walked back to the accident site, the SDRF said adding he has also been hospitalised.

The bus accident in Pauri district did not just snuff out lives but also ruined many families.

Among them was 58-year-old Chandraprakash who lost sons Satish (34) and Anil (30), their wives Varsha (28) and Anjali (24) respectively, and a grandson in the accident.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, who along with former Union minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank arrived for an on-the-spot assessment of the situation, met the people hospitalised in Kotdwar.

Dhami announced financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured.

He also directed the district administration to identify the villagers who were the first responders to the incident so that they could be rewarded.

Will consider Kerala Govt's proposal for World Peace Conference: Nobel Peace Centre

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Norway-based Nobel Peace Center, which awards the Nobel Peace Prize, on Wednesday said it will seriously consider the Kerala government's proposal for convening a World Peace Conference. In a meeting with Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who is on a Europe tour with some of his cabinet colleagues, Nobel Peace Center Executive Director Kjersti Fl gstad said the state government's proposal for such a conference would be given serious thought, according to a statement

issued by the CMO.

The statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said that Vijayan, in the meeting, expressed interest in organising such a conference in collaboration with the Nobel Peace Centre. The Kerala government in its previous budget had announced that a World Peace Conference would be organized. In the meeting, Fl gstad said it was gratifying to see such a proposal from a state government and once the same is received through official channels, discussions would be held on it, the statement quoted him as saying.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM/KOZHIKODE: Senior Congress leaders in Kerala on Wednesday said they were not against Shashi Tharoor, who has made an aggressive bid to the party's top post, but they were of the view that veteran leader Mallikarjun Kharge was better suited for the position.

Senior party leaders and MPs, K Sudhakaran and K Muraleedharan also said they were only expressing their personal views on whom they are supporting and everyone in the party

was free to decide whom they want to vote for.

They were responding to statements made by Thiruvananthapuram MP Tharoor in an interview with a TV channel where he said the party leaders in Kerala appeared to be against him in connection with the Congress presidential polls. He also said in the interview that he has been asked by many to contest in the polls as they want a change in how the party is functioning presently.

Reacting to his statements, Sudhakaran, also the Kerala Pradesh Congress

Committee (KPCC) president told the media in Kozhikode that he only expressed his personal view regarding whom he supports and he has not issued any directive on which candidate should be supported by KPCC delegates.

Sudhakaran also said he was not aware that party leaders in Kerala were opposed to Tharoor, as claimed by the Thiruvananthapuram MP. Muraleedharan, speaking to media, said there was no official or rebel candidate and all PCC delegates are free to vote for whomever

they choose as it is a secret ballot. He also said that Sudhakaran only expressed his personal view.

Muraleedharan further said that people like him in the party want someone who is closely connected to the general public and knows their minds and that Kharge was such an individual "who has risen through the party ranks from the ground level by sheer hard work". "We are not against Tharoor, but his connection with the common people is a bit less," he added.

"He (Tharoor) cannot be

blamed for that. It is probably because of his diplomatic background. But that does not mean we are dis-counting or rejecting him. We need everyone -- those from ordinary or humble origins and those with diplomatic backgrounds. Party needs everyone," he further said. Muraleedharan also said that he was in agreement with Tharoor's views that there should be a contest or election for the various party posts and such a change would be seen in Congress, especially in Kerala, in the future.

Regarding Kharge's age,

Muraleedharan said that "if the mind and body can go together, then age is not an issue".

"People like me, in the present situation, believe that Kharge is the best person to lead the party with courage," he said.

The polling for the Congress presidential election is scheduled to be held on October 17. The counting of votes would be taken up on October 19 and the results are expected the same day. More than 9,000 Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) delegates form the electorate.

Two SC judges put forth reservations to collegium note on appointment of judges

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Two members of the five-judges Collegium of the Supreme Court are learnt to have put forth their reservation to provide written consent to a proposal for the appointment of four judges in the Supreme Court, sources said on Wednesday.

Chief Justice of India (CJI) Uday Umesh Lalit-led five-member collegium has recently recommended elevation of Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Justice Dipankar Datta, as a judge of the apex court and discussions on few other names for remaining four vacancies in the top court had purportedly taken place in the collegium's deliberations.

Besides the CJI, four senior judges - justices D Y Chandrachud, S K Kaul, S A Nazeer and K



M Joseph - are part of the five-member collegium which selects and recommends to the Centre the names of judges for elevation in the apex court.

According to sources, the collegium meeting could not take place on September 30, the last working day before the Dussehra vacation, as one of the collegium members was unavailable. The apex court is scheduled to reopen on October 10.

Later, a proposal was purportedly sent seeking a written nod of collegium member judges for elevation of three high court chief justices and one senior advocate to the top court, they said.

According to the convention, the collegium members sign the resolutions after discussing probable names for appointment and elevation of judges in higher judiciary.

Two members of the col-

legium are learnt to have some reservation on holding the collegium meeting by circulation by breaking the convention of having physical discussions and giving consent in writing to such proposals, the sources said.

Besides senior advocate K V Viswanathan, the names of justices Ravi Shankar Jha, Sanjay Karol and P V Sanjay Kumar, chief justices of Punjab and Haryana, Patna and Manipur high courts respectively, have been purportedly sent to the collegium member for their consent.

Earlier, the collegium headed by the CJI, on September 30, issued statements recommending names of three high court judges, Justice Jaswant Singh, Justice P B Vahale, and Ali Mohammad Magrey, for elevation as chief justices

of Orissa, Karnataka, and Jammu and Kashmir high courts respectively.

It also recommended to the Centre the transfer of Chief Justice (CJ) of Orissa High Court, Justice S Muralidhar, and Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Justice Pankaj Mithal as CJs of Madras and Rajasthan high courts respectively.

It had also recommended the transfer of three judges of high courts.

Prior to this, the apex court collegium recommended the elevation of Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Justice Datta, as a judge of the apex court.

On September 12, the CJI Lalit-led collegium approved the appointment of 20 judges to the high courts of Punjab and Haryana, Bombay, and Karnataka.

Tightening actions by central banks will help to prevent high inflation from becoming entrenched: IMF

■ **AGENCY**
WASHINGTON: Recent tightening actions by many central banks around the world will help to prevent high inflation from becoming entrenched, the IMF said on Wednesday.

In a report released ahead of the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, the IMF said the current coincidence of rising inflation and nominal wage growth has led to concerns that a wage-price spiral in which both wages and prices accelerate for a prolonged period could emerge. Many economies have seen sharp rises in price inflation since 2021 as adverse supply shocks buffet the global economy and labour markets appear tight in the wake of the acute COVID-19 shock, it said.

These inflation rises have raised concerns among some observers that prices and wages could start feeding off each other and accelerate, leading to a wage-price spiral dynamic, said the report. In a blog post, John Bluedorn, Deputy Division Chief on the World Economic Outlook in the IMF's Research Department, said if inflationary shocks start to come from the labour market itself such as an unexpected, sharp uptick in wage indexation that could moderate the effects of falling real wages, pushing up both wage growth and inflation for longer.

For monetary policy-

makers, understanding the expectations process is critical.

When expectations are more backward-looking, monetary policy tightening including through clear communications by the central bank should be stronger and more front-loaded in response to an inflation shock, he wrote.

In that sense, recent tightening actions by many central banks calibrated to economy-specific circumstances are encouraging.

They will help to prevent high inflation from becoming entrenched and inflation from deviating from target for too long, Bluedorn said.

Cross-border arms smuggling module busted in Punjab, 2 held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police on Wednesday said they have arrested two members of a module that used drones for cross-border smuggling of arms and ammunition.

The arrested accused are Jaskaran Singh, an undertrial inmate, from Bhikhiwind and Rattanbir Singh of Khemkaran in Tarn Taran district. Jaskaran is currently lodged at Sub Jail Goidwal Sahib while Rattanbir is out on bail.

Five China-made .30 bore pistol and five USA-made 9mm pistols along with eight spare magazines were seized from their possession. Additional Inspector General of Police (Counter Intelligence, Amritsar) Amarjit Singh Bajwa said.

He said a mobile phone was also seized from Jaskaran's barrack. Jaskaran was brought on a production warrant in a case under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, which was registered at State Special Operation Cell (SSOC), Amritsar in August 2022, the Additional IG said.

"During questioning, Jaskaran confessed that he was using a mobile phone in

jail to contact Pakistan-based smugglers through WhatsApp for smuggling of narcotics, arms and ammunition from Pakistan via drones," the police officer said in a statement.

The Additional IG said Jaskaran took the help of Rattanbir, who retrieved the consignments dropped via drones at different border areas.

Rattanbir is a co-accused in various NDPS cases with Jaskaran, he said.

Bajwa said a consignment of five .30 bore pistols and four spare magazines were recovered from the location revealed by Jaskaran at Pidhi village on Tarn Taran-Ferozepur Road. The consignment was concealed by Rattanbir on the intervening night of September 28 and 29.

He said acting on Jaskaran's inputs, the police teams of Counter Intelligence, Amritsar arrested Rattanbir from Khemkaran, and he revealed the location of five 9mm pistols and the four spare magazines near a drain at Machhike village in Khemkaran.

An FIR has been registered under relevant provisions of the law at SSOC Amritsar police station.

Punjab GST collection crosses Rs 10k crore for first time in H1 FY23: Finance Minister Harpal Cheema

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
CHANDIGARH: Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Wednesday said the state's GST collection has crossed the Rs 10,000-crore mark for the first time in the first six months of this fiscal.

The Minister for Finance, Planning and Excise and Taxation said the state has seen a 22.6 per cent year-on-year growth in GST collection so far in the current fiscal.

He further said that in the first six months of the last financial year, GST collection stood at Rs 8,650 crore, whereas during the current year the state has earned Rs 1,954 crore more, taking the total GST collection to Rs 10,604 crore.

The GST collection for September this year was Rs 1,710 crore compared to Rs 1,402 crore in September 2021, the minister said in a statement.

He also said that the Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab Government had estimated a total GST collection of Rs 20,550 crore for the financial year 2022-23.

"The state has achieved more than 50 per cent in the first six months," Cheema said, adding that the state is expected to see healthy growth in GST collection during the upcoming festival season. The Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill 2022 was recently passed in the state Assembly to plug all loopholes besides stopping bogus billing, which would not only benefit the traders but would also increase the own revenue of the state, he noted.

AAP supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal hailed the manifold increase in the GST collection and said it's the result of work done by the Punjab government. "Very nice. Work done with clear intentions and honesty has started showing results. The people of Punjab and businessmen, all are supporting," Kejriwal said in a tweet in Hindi. "Punjab is on the path of progress."

WTO predicts trade growth to slow next year amid crises

■ **AGENCY**
GENEVA: The World Trade Organisation is predicting global trade volumes will grow a lack-luster 1% next year as crises and challenges weigh on markets, including high energy prices, rising interest rates and uncertainties about Chinese manufacturing output amid the lingering COVID-19 pandemic.

The Geneva-based trade body said Wednesday that the amount of goods shipped between countries are expected to rise 3.5% this year, up from the 3% that WTO anticipated in its first forecast for the year in April.

In 2023, the prediction is for such trade volumes to grow just 1%, down from the 3.4% expected previously.

The risks are certainly to the downside next year, WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala told reporters at its headquar-

ters.

This year, the higher predicted increase in trade volumes stems from better data that arrived in the middle of the year, contributing to a clearer forecast, and a boom in trade volumes from oil- and gas-producing countries in the Middle East as supplies from Russia were shunned and consuming countries sought alternative sources, WTO economists say.

The WTO laid out several factors weighing on trade, including higher energy prices resulting from Russia's war in Ukraine, which prompted a number of countries including European Union members that are big consumers of Russian oil and gas to slap economic sanctions on Moscow.

Today, the global economy faces a multipronged crisis," Okonjo-Iweala said. Monetary tightening

is weighing on growth across much of the world, including in the United States. In Europe, high energy prices are squeezing households and businesses. And in China, COVID-19 outbreaks continue to disrupt production and ordinary economic life."

"Low-income developing countries in particular face serious risks from food insecurity and debt distress, she added.

While global trade has rebounded from a deep slump in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Federal Reserve and other central bank moves to choke off inflation through higher interest rates are likely to have knock-on effects for crucial spending in areas like housing, motor vehicle sales and bond prices, WTO says.

The trade body said, however, that new information from purchasing

managers, on final goods prices, and an index of input prices suggested that inflationary pressures may have peaked a factor that could influence decision-making from central bankers in the months ahead.

Shrinking demand and the continued fallout from the coronavirus pandemic is likely to crimp exports out of China, the world's manufacturing powerhouse, the WTO said.

WTO senior economist Coleman Nee said Russia hasn't reported its trade figures to the global trade body since January, clouding the picture about how Russian export and import activities were faring. The WTO said Confederation of Independent States countries made up of most of the former Soviet states saw quarter-on-quarter exports drop nearly 10.5% in the second quarter. (AP).